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4. With the emergence of the Lao Dong Party in April 1951, the Communists used the slogan "Power to the farmers and laborers!" At several meetings of DRV leaders Vu Dinh Hoe sought to promote the point of view of his supporters: "Coalition of classes." Hoe's views were violently attacked by the Communists, especially at the "Congress of Magistrates" which took place in September 1951. At this Congress Hoe was openly bullied and abused by his subordinate Tran Cong Tuong, Secretary of State for Justice and a Communist. Since then Hoe has remained as titular Minister of Justice, but has lost all of his powers to Tuong. In addition, the DRV Government has discontinued all subsidies to Doc Lap, which has no other source of income.
5. Nevertheless, during the last few months the Lao Dong Party seems to have reversed its policy. Vu Dinh Hoe has just been appointed Vice-President of a DRV mission to Peiping.

1.   Comment. Hoe is a former journalist, former DRV Minister of National Education, and currently DRV Minister of Justice. Duc has been manager of Doc Lap since the magazine was founded.

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